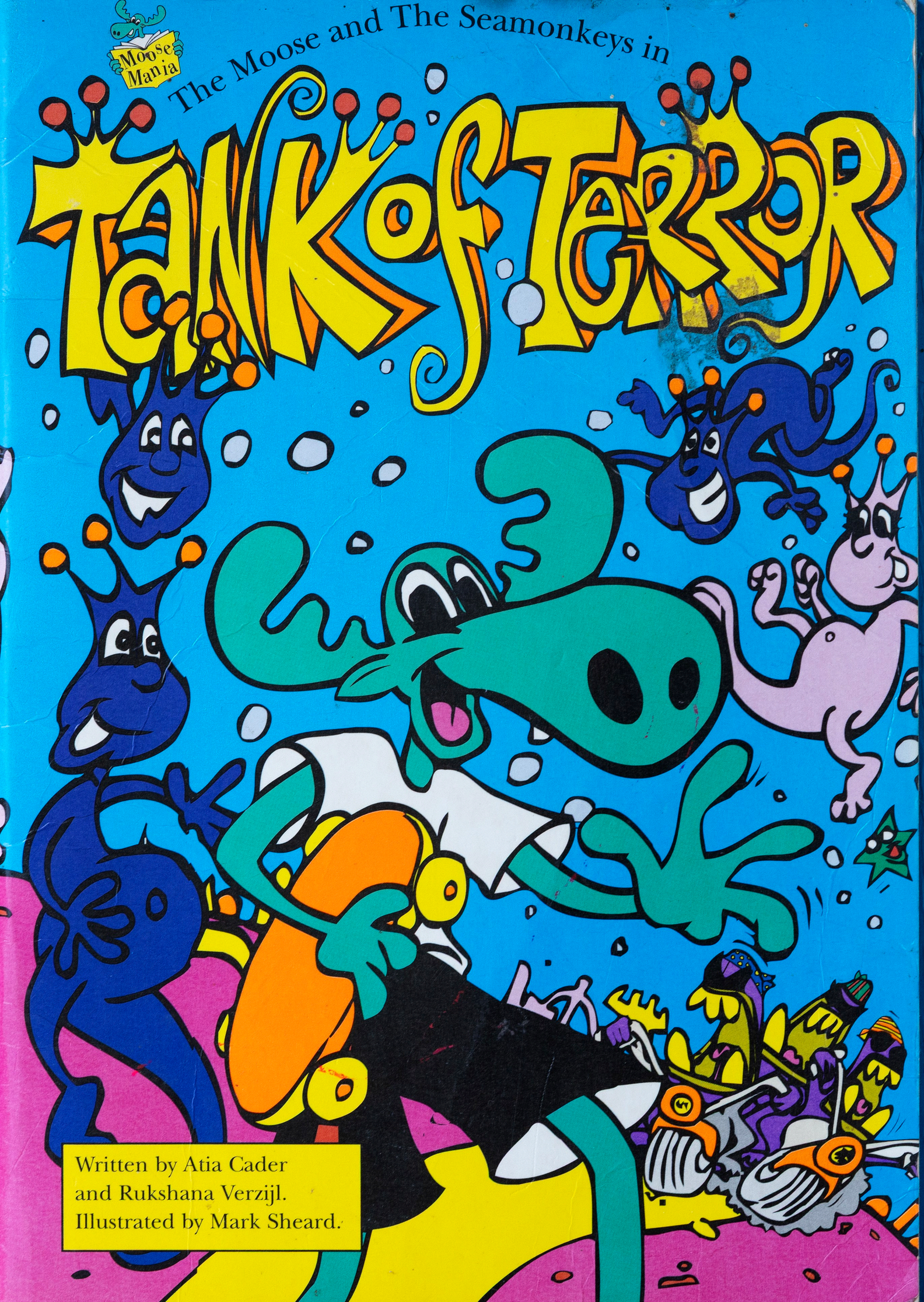
Moose Mania

The Moose and The Seamonkeys in

Tank of Terror



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The Moose
races home....

tears,

pours,

mixes,

swirls.

and then
kicks back
and waits for
some action.

Six Months later Moose has finally come up with the perfect gadget which will allow him to really get to know his Seamonkey® friends. You see, Moose is a creative genius, and when not busy saving the world from monsters or seeking treasure in remote and dangerous places, he spends a lot of his time in his lab creating more gadgets to help him in his super endeavours.

His latest and most super dooper gadget is called the MOOSE MOLECULAR DECREASER (MMD), and it is a gun which will make him the same teeny weeny size as his Seamonkeys.®

The MMD gun will shrink almost anything into a tiny size. It works like all his other gadgets - spectacularly! One zap with the MMD and that giant hairy spider in the corner of his bedroom can't frighten anyone anymore. Yesterday's dinner dishes won't take long to wash, and as for that dish of brussel sprouts ...

All of this experimenting has made me extremely hungry. Mmmm, I really feel like inventing a super duper with the lot pizza!!!" says Moose.
"Better put the safety switch on my MMD gun, though, as I want my pizza BIG."

As Moose twirls the dough around his head, his antlers start to twitch. "Pulsating pepperoni particles, I think I'm picking up an S.O.S. signal. It's coming from the little guys down under."

Nope, not Australia, Moose means his friends in the Seamonkey® tank.

"Crackle! Spat! Whirr ... Calling Moose, Calling Moose ... S.O.S. Crackle, crackle. Come in, Moose! S.O.S! S.O.S! We need your HELP!!"

He steps over the MMD and hurries over to their tank.

Seamonkeys® actually breathe through their feet as easily as you suck a drink through a straw.

Over here, Moose!" yells a little voice.

"Gobi! How y' going, little dude?" says Moose to the tiny little creature hanging onto the side of the tank. "Great to see you too, gang!" he adds, noticing the group of Seamonkeys that accompanied Gobi. "What's going down in your little world?"

Moose, you've got to help us. The Bad Bacteria Gang have launched a take-over bid to gain complete control over the Seamonkey world. They are creating havoc down here and are planning to destroy the Water Purifier Station.

SAVE US, MOOSE!

The water purifier station is the centre of the Seamonkey city because it contains the magic purifier powder that makes their world safe and beautiful.The Seamonkeys would guard it with their lives also because it is their strongest weapon against bad invading creatures.

Purifier powder neutralises harmful oxides, metals and bacteria in tap water that are harmful to Seamonkeys gills & vital in their production...

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PURIFYING POWDER

Ah, those BACILLUS BODIED BAD BACTERIA! I can't let them get to that Purifier. With that gone the Seamonkeys won't survive for long. "This is a job for ... MEGA MOOSE." says Moose.

Moose strips down to his underclothes...

"Whoops! I could have sworn I was wearing my Mega Moose underwater suit... Hang on, Gobi." Moose moves like lightening (well... would you believe as fast as a speeding bullet?) to a huge trunk containing his super wear wardrobe.

"Hmm, miniature oxygen generator... nope. Double barrel water pistol... not this time. Supersonic yoyo... Mmm, maybe. Waterproof, silicon-coated, superheated, jet propelled underwater suit... eegh, grunt... Goodness, doesn't seem to fit anymore... I must have accidentally hit it with the MMD... or could it be those pizzas? Ahh, at last here we are. My lucky, finest spun, pure cotton, bright red polka-dotted boxers... they never let me down!!"

After a quick change our hero emerges, muscles bulging and antlers twitching furiously. "TADAAH!! Now for a burst under the Moose Molecular Decreaser ... and ... I'm ready to go!"

He swings over the side of the tank and dives down to meet the Seamonkeys.

Gee, Gobi, it's times like this I wish I had your 500 pulsating little cilia to help me swim fast. Hey, hang on, I've got a better idea." Moose skids to a stop midstroke, reaches into his pocket and pulls out his folding skateboard.

"Hey man, hit the tube!" yells Moose as he body-boards it down past the Seamonkeys. As he passes them he notices a green tinge around one of his companions. It almost seems to ooze from the little Seamonkey. "That's odd," he ponders. "Poor little guy must be feeling a little sick today."

KASPLASH

SKREETCH

ZOOOMM

Seamonkeys are also known as Artemia which are tiny crustaceans. They swim by rhythmically beating many minute hair-like appendages.

WOW... LOOK AT MOOSE GO!!!

Meanwhile ... the Bad Bacteria Gang have created a huge mess in the normally beautiful Seamonkey world. Everything is strangely silent and deserted. There is no sign of life. The beautiful buildings and favourite spots have been covered in slimy green gunge. The Seamonkeys are hiding, terrified of the Bacteria Boys who, led by Bilious Bill, their leader, are slowly making their way to the Water Purifier station. As they go they leave disgusting green slime on everything they pass.

Hey, there is no Seamonkey joy down here, Gobi... this is seriously bad.

TOWN

TITANIC

PFT

THIS IS TERRIBLE!

Okay, Gobi, Staph, Nudi, Remo, Arte and Mia, we have some fast thinking to do if we are going to save your world," yells Moose excitedly."First, we have to send those Bacteria Boys on a wild Moose chase to slow them down and give us more time. I think I know exactly how to do it ...". Moose looks at the octopus traffic police officer, who carries signs pointing to the important places in town.

He hauls out his portable CD player and slips on his Nutbush album. Gobi and Moose begin to dance with the other Seamonkeys following closely.

Poor Octopus! The normally serious cephalopod, who thinks his work is extremely important, can't resist ... He starts to sway to the music, his arms trying desperately to copy those of the twirling Seamonkeys. Oops! He can't keep up. He seems to have too many left tentacles! His arms get hopelessly tangled and all the signs get mixed up.

With all the signs pointing in the wrong direction, the Bad Bacteria gang will surely get lost.

"That should about do it!" says Moose, looking back at the poor tangled Octopus.

Next, Moose and the gang visit the mermaid gals who hang out at the Fins and Scales Beauty Salon. They agree to lure the Bad Bacteria Gang and keep them trapped until Moose and the Seamonkeys return.

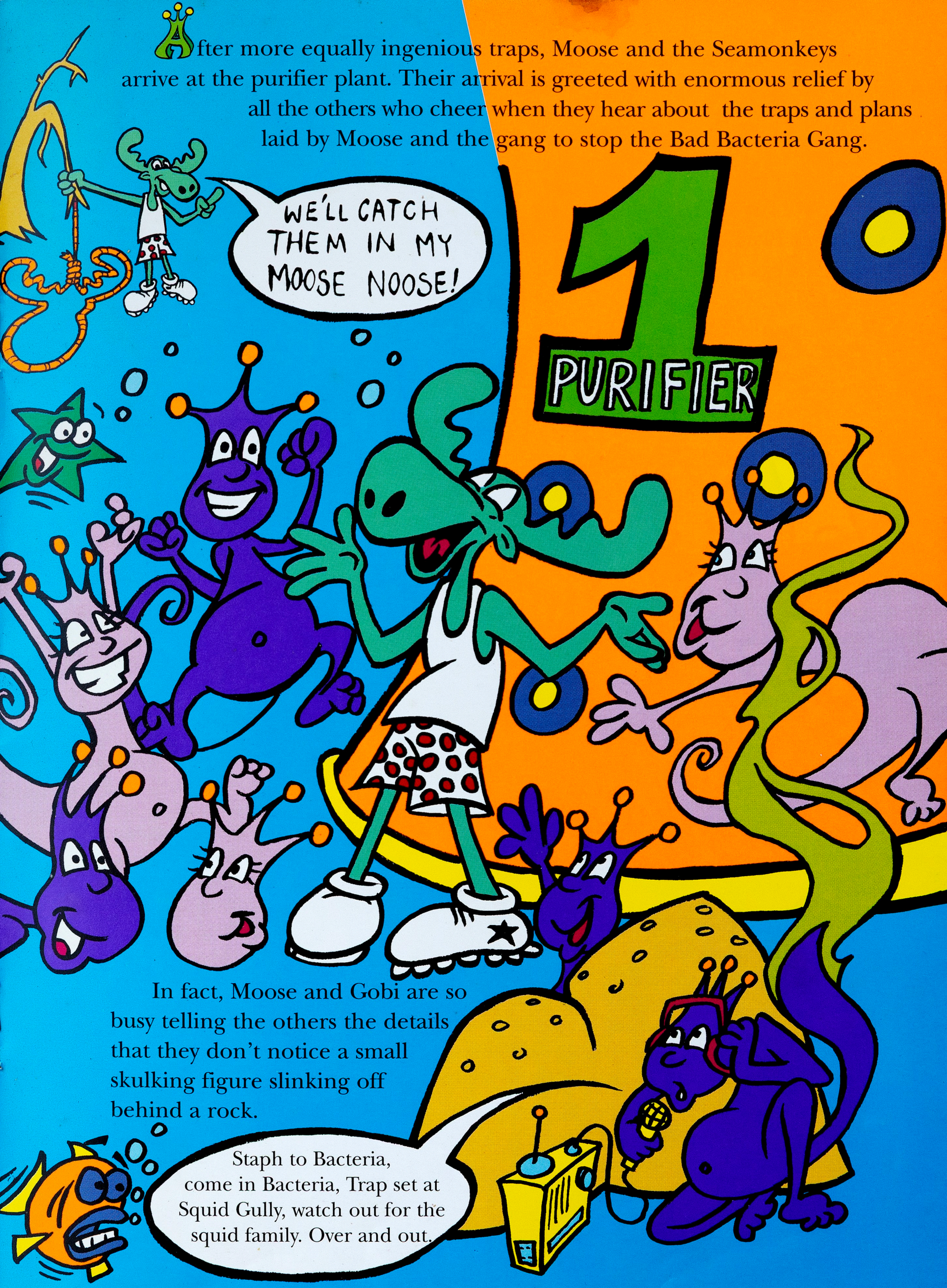
"Those babes will have no problem luring the Bacteria Boys. In fact, if I had the time .. ." muses Moose.

As Moose follows the Seamonkeys, he gets a waft of an awful smell behind Staph. "DECAYING DIATOMS! Something smells fishy around here," he says.

Moose and Gobi look around them suspiciously.

"Ah well, it might smell better upstream. We have got to find more help."

After more equally ingenious traps, Moose and the Seamonkeys arrive at the purifier plant. Their arrival is greeted with enormous relief by all the others who cheer when they hear about the traps and plans laid by Moose and the gang to stop the Bad Bacteria Gang.



In fact, Moose and Gobi are so busy telling the others the details that they don't notice a small skulking figure slinking off behind a rock.

Staph to Bacteria, come in Bacteria, Trap set at Squid Gully, watch out for the squid family. Over and out.

Moose, unaware of this diabolical deed, continues to tell the Seamonkeys about the other traps. "In fact, as we speak, our friends the squid family are waiting to paint those Bacteria Boys Black!" he chuckles as he describes one of his crime-fighting gadgets to the Seamonkeys.

The Bad Bacteria Gang are approaching Rock Alley, where the squid family are poised and ready to squirt their ink at them. The plan is to blind the Bacteria with the black ink that squids naturally produce in their bodies. That will surely stop them finding their way to the Water Purifier Station!

READY, SQUIRT, BLACK, CAL + MARI... ..I CAN HEAR THEM COMING

But as we know the spy has really foiled this plan. As the Bacteria Boys near the trap, they whip out their bandanas, tie them around their heads and put on their sunnies. They switch on the high beams on their bikes and pass through the trap with no problem. The leader of the gang Bilious Bill smiles and shouts out, "Staph m'boy, you've done us proud."

BBRRRKOOM

Back at the Water Purifier Station, Moose and the Seamonkeys suddenly stiffen as they hear the unmistakable roar of the Bad Bacteria Gang and the sky darkens as they swim in.

"What happened?... Our plan was bacteria proof for sure," Moose yells to Gobi. "There is some dirty, double bac dealing happening here. Quick, get everyone ready. We need to sort the real Seamonkeys from the fake."

As Gobi is getting all the other Seamonkeys ready, Moose hops on his skateboard, starts doing his latest 360° stunt wheelie and causes a huge whirlpool with his antlers.

WOOF

Everyone knows only REAL Seamonkeys love to surf the whirlpool," says Moose watching the Seamonkeys become full of life as they spin around in the whirlpool. After a couple of minutes, the whirlpool spits out the double-dealing Bad Bacteria spy. He lands right in the middle of the purifier core.

Wow the spy was Staph!! We thought he was part of the gang. Well, you never can tell. Oh, oh, there he goes.

"Aaaaaggggggghhhhhh!" yells the bacteria as he gets swallowed up.

YIPPEE!

WOW.... EVEN I FEEL WOOZY

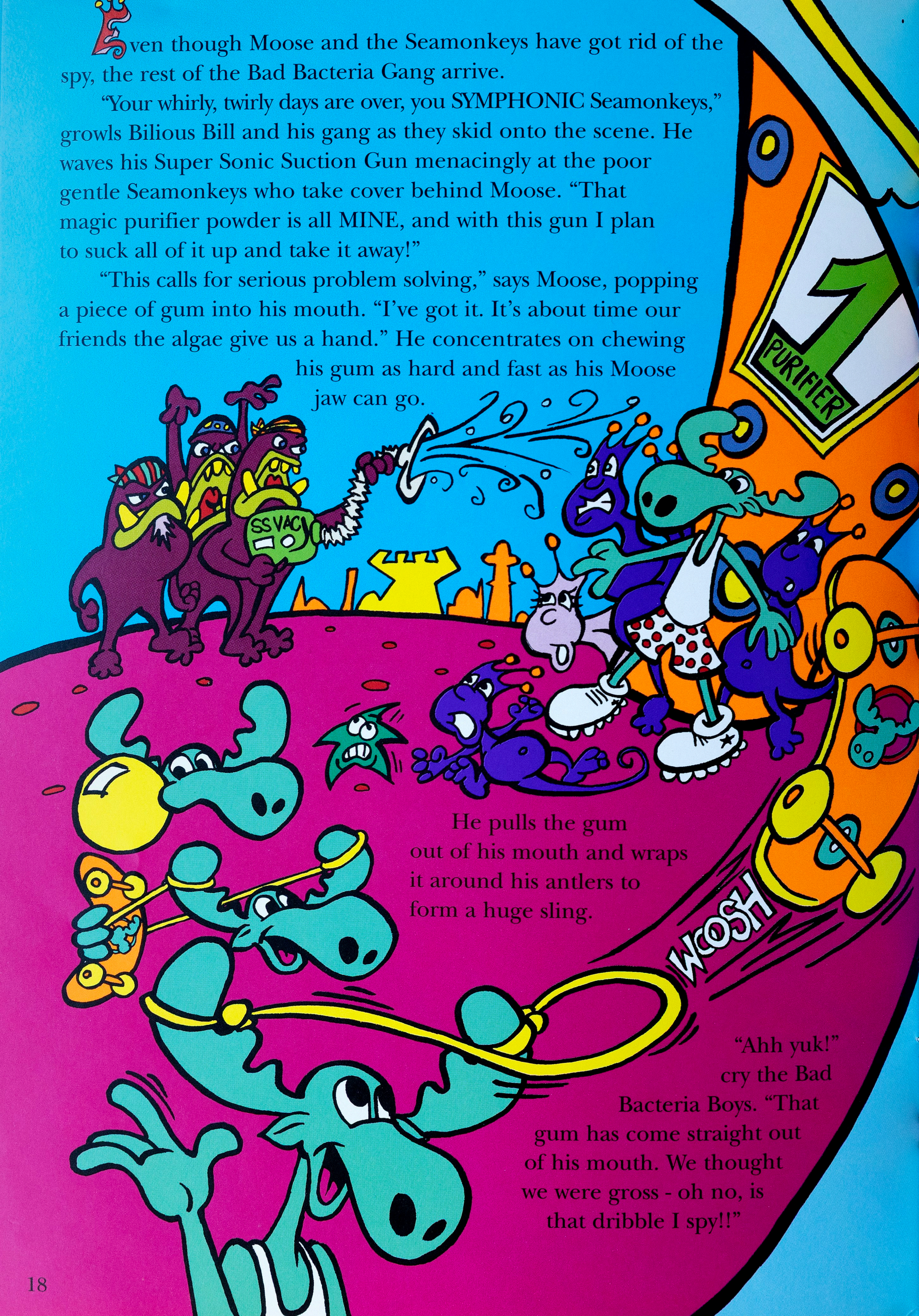
Agitating the water acts as aeration of the tank, which adds oxygen to the water. This is good for the Seamonkeys. It also makes sure that the babies at the bottom of the tank get moved around and receive their fair share of oxygen.

YAY!

Even though Moose and the Seamonkeys have got rid of the spy, the rest of the Bad Bacteria Gang arrive.

"Your whirly, twirly days are over, you SYMPHONIC Seamonkeys," growls Bilious Bill and his gang as they skid onto the scene. He waves his Super Sonic Suction Gun menacingly at the poor gentle Seamonkeys who take cover behind Moose. "That magic purifier powder is all MINE, and with this gun I plan to suck all of it up and take it away!"

"This calls for serious problem solving," says Moose, popping a piece of gum into his mouth. "I've got it. It's about time our friends the algae give us a hand." He concentrates on chewing his gum as hard and fast as his Moose jaw can go.



He pulls the gum out of his mouth and wraps it around his antlers to form a huge sling.

"Ahh yuk!" cry the Bad Bacteria Boys. "That gum has come straight out of his mouth. We thought we were gross - oh no, is that dribble I spy!!"

Moose ignores them and lines up on his skateboard and catapults it out of the tank. It ricochets around the lab,

bouncing off the Gamma Ray machine,

test-tube racks and

Mooses' coffee maker,

landing on the switch of the desk lamp.

"Ha, I knew all that time playing pool would pay off!" says Moose with a grin.

YAWN

As the light comes on the little algae that live in a state of hibernation wake up. "Hey, what's going on?" ask the sleepy creatures." "Wake up Al. Wake up fellas, we need your help," yell the Seamonkeys underneath them. "The lights on... It's time to do some fast growing. Come on, hang onto each other and form a net for us!"

The Seamonkeys grab the algae who have formed a net and drop them on the Bad Bacteria Gang. "Hurray, we have got them!" cheered the little creatures.

Light is good for Seamonkeys and also stimulates green algae growth. Green algae are good because they provide food and oxygen for the Seamonkeys.

Moose and the Seamonkeys surround the gang and start asking them why they are so destructive after 3 days of solitary confinement and chinese torture. The leader very sadly says, "We only wanted to be like you guys - you seem so together, so happy and we thought that your magic powder would do the same for our world!" "What???" yells the Moose. "You guys are so silly - the magic powder is only good for little Seamonkeys. You could have saved us a lot of trouble by just asking!"

"What are we going to do with them now?" asked Gobi.

"Hmm," ponders Moose. "You don't belong here, ... and I've just remembered that I have the most perfect place for you to build a world for yourself. Come on!"

Moose gathers up the algae net containing the Bad Bacteria Gang and swings it over his shoulder.

"Time for me to go, little mates. Your world is now safe from these nasty characters," he says. His Seamonkey friends escort him to the surface and wave their thanks to him as he climbs out.

Once out of the tank and after a short burst on REVERSE of his MOOSE MOLECULAR DECREASER, he takes his prisoners to the lab.

"After all that crime fighting I still feel like a pizza ... but maybe not this one," says Moose, picking up his two day old pizza. "Yuk! But I do know some guys who could build a great place to live in with this."

Moose picks up his prisoners. "What you guys need is some serious rehabilitation time.

You are going to have heaps of fun building your own world! This old pizza and the rest of my garbage is an ideal environment for you.

You don't need to take worlds that don't suit you."

And with that, Moose empties the Bad Bacteria Boys onto his two day old pizza, ties up the rubbish bag and chucks it into the garbage bin! The rubbish tip definitely won't have any purifying powder or clean areas to get in the way of the Bacteria building their own world. In fact it is so dirty that the Bad Bacteria Gang will find lots of friends ready to help them!

Happy pioneering, Boys!!!!!

With the Bad Bacteria Gang safely building their world, our Seamonkey friends are safe and happy once again.

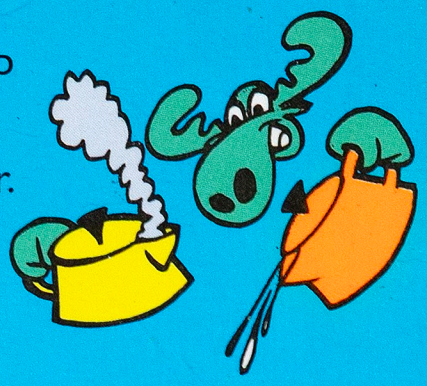
So remember - look after your Seamonkeys. Play with them, feed them and always make sure that there is plenty of purifying powder in their tanks to help them fight against nasty invading creatures!

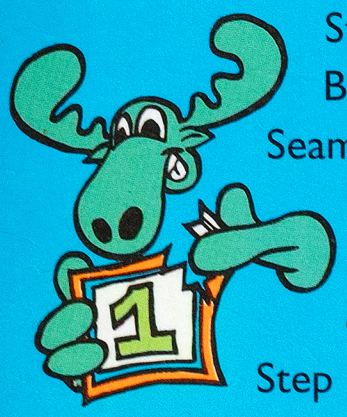
To find out how to start your instant pet Seamonkeys, carefully follow my instructions on the following page.....

To begin your new amazing hobby and create instant life follow these simple directions.

Sachet 1 - Water purifier

Use bottled water when growing your Seamonkeys or boil your tap water. Leave to stand overnight before using.



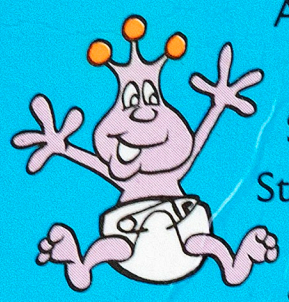


Step 1 - Fill plastic or glass container with 355ml of water. Be exact with this measurement or it will prevent your Seamonkeys hatching.

Step 2 - Open Sachet No. 1, the water purifier and empty contents into water. Stir for at least 2 minutes or until the powder is completely dissolved.

Step 3 - Keep container in a safe, light filled area for 24 - 36 hours. Allow the water purifier to do its work.

Sachet 2 - Instant amazing Seamonkeys



A pre-blended formula of magic crystals and Seamonkey eggs are inside this sachet. At birth your Seamonkeys are so tiny that they may be difficult to see.

Step 1 - Keep your container in the sunlight, empty sachet No.2 into the water. Stir gently for 2 minutes. Some eggs will hatch.

Step 2 - They will appear as tiny white dots and will be easier to see in 2 days time. Toom temperature should be between 20 and 26 degrees C.

Step 3 - Sit and wait for them to grow.

Sachet 3 - Growth Food

DO NOT FEED for 7 days after they have hatched. There is already special food mixed into sachet No.2.

1. Feed them once a week with one level scoopful of food. All scoopfuls must be level NOT heaped.

2. For baby and young Seamonkeys use small scoop.

3. If you have less than 25 adult pets also use small scoop.

4 For large troops of adults (over 25) use large scoop.

Cloudy water indicates too much uneaten food. Stop feeding them until the water clears. Healthy adults have a dark streak along their bodies. This indicates a full gut.

On day 2 aerate container to add more oxygen to tank. Pour water (with baby Seamonkeys) into a clean second container and then pour back into 1st. Repeat 4 or 5 times.

When water level drops more than 5cm due to evaporation, replace it with plain or preferably bottled water.

Room temperature should be between 20-26 degrees C. Seamonkeys can be raised in cooler climates but their growth rate will be slow and will not exceed 13mm.

Exposure to daylight is helpful as long as it does not excessively HEAT the water.

WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD - Toy contains small parts. Toy not recommended for children under four years.

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